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Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on October 27, 2000 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because: applicant did not elect one of the restricted inventions as required. Applicant must elect one of the restricted groups I-V inventions for examination to provide a fully responsive reply to the prior Office action mailed September 28, 2000. It is noted that the "restructured" claims filed with the reply of October 27, 2000 substantially contain the same subject matter as the originally filed claims. The "restructured" claims have not been entered but would be subject to the same restriction requirement of the originally filed claims even if the "restructured" claims were entered. Since the period for reply set forth in the prior Office action has expired, this application will become abandoned unless applicant corrects the deficiency and obtains an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. In no case may an applicant reply outside the SIX (6) MONTH statutory period or obtain an extension for more than FIVE (5) MONTHS beyond the date for reply set forth in an Office action. A fully responsive reply must be timely filed to avoid abandonment of this application.

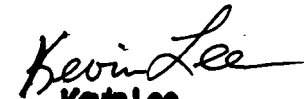
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Specification

2. The substitute specification filed on October 27, 2000 has not been entered because it does not conform to 37 CFR 1.125(b) because: it lacks a marked up copy and the reply is unsigned.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to KEVIN LEE at telephone number (703) 308-1025. The Group 3750 fax number is (703) 305-3579.

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